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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in all areas. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and retail ads, with increased interest expected for first of the month and Labor Day. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand for mid-week was fair to moderate. Wings were close balanced to tight, breast items were adequate to more available, and dark meat was at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 71.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.00 cents last year on August 31, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	168.50
BREASTS - B/S	159.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.00
LEG QUARTERS	39.00
WINGS	99.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate with limited trading, but improvements expected as the holiday and first of the month nears. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was light to moderate. Wings were balanced to well cleared, breast items were adequate to more available, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to moderate and about as expected for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breasts items and tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in good balance. Leg cuts were mostly adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate, trade needs light. Food service and retail movement somewhat improved over prior trading period. Several receivers noted a slight increased pull for the upcoming holiday and weekend. Demand was fairly good into some fast food operations in the Chicago market. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights generally in desirable range. Parts trade remained fairly good on wings and only moderate to mostly light on the balance of parts. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and tenderloins, generally steady on breast cuts, and barely steady on dark meat items.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was steady. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks adequate.

### **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 26, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 26, 2006 were 5.93 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES**

WEEK ENDING 08/26/06	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	213,180	212,598	0
CHICKS PLACED	174,188	174,673	0

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Sep-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 161.1 million head the previous week and to 165.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.21 cents per pound.

AUGUST 29, 2006

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 30, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY				(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		
BREAST - B/S	656	144.00-205.00	-		155.24	BREAST - B/S	866	134.00-202.00	-		145.66
TENDERLOINS	243	140.00-194.00	-		150.93	TENDERLOINS	270	142.00-192.00	-		152.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	84.00-92.00	-		85.97	BREAST - LINE RUN	114	79.00-85.00	80-82		81.21
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	174	45.00-62.00	46		46.99	LEGS	228	42.00-62.00	45-46		46.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	584	31.00-38.00	34		33.96	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	31.00-38.00	34		33.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	964	32.00-40.00	36-37		36.43	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	924	33.00-40.00	36-37		36.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	90.00-101.00	92-94		93.65	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-101.00	-		94.85
WINGS (CUT)	255	116.00-120.00	117-118		117.65	WINGS (CUT)	295	112.00-120.00	-		117.08
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00-60.00	56.34	50.00-56.50	52.74	55.23

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady for wings; steady to at least steady for breast item and tenders. The balance of items were generally steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 29, 2006				AUGUST 30, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	152.72	585,680	BREAST - B/S	160-165	149.04	710,200
TENDERLOINS	150-155	148.34	139,160	TENDERLOINS	150-155	144.26	251,402
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	90.87	92,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	94.54	68,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.90	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.74	77,400
LEGS	49-50	51.41	163,040	LEGS	49-50	47.97	212,540
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.22	395,320	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.26	216,040
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	43.91	73,150	DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.15	127,840
THIGHS	35-36	43.55	69,360	THIGHS	35-36	44.60	69,200
B/S THIGHS	91-92	89.97	65,320	B/S THIGHS	91-92	89.98	104,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	105.56	198,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	101.60	227,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	18,560	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.64	17,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.09	11,850	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.39	20,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.47	23,320	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.97	20,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	4,125	4,197	4,055	4,530	5.28	5.18	4,145	5.36	
Arkansas	5,392	5,428	5,291	5,486	5.27	5.17	5,323	5.29	
Delmarva	2,289	2,282	2,213	2,559	5.70	5.54	2,251	5.67	
KY-LA-TN	2,282	2,233	2,149	2,673	4.93	4.90	2,027	5.01	
Mississippi	2,846	2,902	2,949	3,237	5.80	5.44	2,762	5.84	
N Carolina	2,659	2,683	2,605	2,959	6.71	6.66	2,700	6.62	
Texas	2,510	2,582	2,514	2,540	5.21	5.25	2,536	5.10	
Total	22,103	22,307	21,776	24,174	5.52	5.41	21,744	5.53	
Mon-Wed	66,501 (A)								65,249 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Aug-06 is estimated to be 33,069,000 head up 1.35 percent from a week ago and up 16.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,629,000, last year 28,434,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		65-74
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 2-Sep-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	09/02/06 (1)	08/26/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	170,536 (2)	166,394
Light hens	987	981
Heavy hens	1,561	1,575
Total	173,084	168,950

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Sep-06 is 162.6 million head compared to 152.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.9 million head or 8.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-Sep-06 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/28/06	106,240	71,451
AM 08/01/06	110,271	63,810
CHG	-4,031	7,641
PCT CHG	-4	12

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	08/28/06	08/21/06	08/29/05	08/28/06	08/21/06	08/29/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	705	559	4,895	12,610	10,260	4,485
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	257	252	144	2,966	2,864	2,246

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2006

		<b>RANGE</b>
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES****FOR 08/29/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.65	96	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	1.00	1.70	1.37	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	2.45	1.90	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	37						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 25, 2006

	<b>Whole</b>		<b>Legs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs</b>	<b>Livers/</b>	
	<b>Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>W/ Thighs</b>	<b>&amp; Wings</b>	<b>Gizzards</b>	<b>Hens</b>
RAYON						
Low	58.28	133.21	74.93	16.65	4.16	68.69
High	63.27	145.70	91.58	20.81	8.33	68.69
Mostly	58.28	141.53	79.09	16.65	4.16	68.69

**SAN JUAN**

Low	59.94	129.05	79.09	16.65	4.16	68.69
High	64.52	145.70	91.58	20.81	8.33	68.69
Mostly	62.44	137.37	83.26	20.81	8.33	68.69

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	58.28	124.88	74.93	16.65	4.16	66.60
High	63.27	137.37	87.42	24.98	8.33	66.60
Mostly	58.28	133.21	83.26	24.98	8.33	66.60

**BECERRA**

Low	54.12	137.37	79.09	16.65	4.16	70.77
High	66.60	149.86	95.74	29.14	8.33	70.77
Mostly	62.44	141.53	91.58	24.98	8.33	70.77

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light to moderate, in line with normal mid-week activity, and in anticipation of increased last minute buyer interest prior to the holiday lengthened weekend. Offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily on the 3.00 pound sizes. 4.00 pound sizes were irregularly available. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Parts were adequate to well cleared. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 08/26/2006 WAS 11,756,082 @ 5.61 LBS.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

64-79  
(A)  
(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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